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Dear Art:

To yours of October 23rd.

Harry Eagle had made some obscure remark about Hertzberg in something of the same vein, but he seemed to imply that the man's character had improved considerably. Of course I will have to accept the import of Mel's advice and do nothing further along these lines until or unless I get more encouraging information. However I am going to keep in mind your own admonition about indictments of this kind as being the most difficult to evaluate and justify.

I did neglect to check with you about certain items of office equipment, some of which might be silly to duplicate, at least to start. I have made a list of such items and would be interested to have your reactions to the indicated questions. I don't know whom you have delegated such matters to and apologise for having to bother you about this.

At your own instance I have beefed up my projective training grant proposal to what may begin to approach a realistic level. I am enclosing a copy of my preliminary worksheets on this and will be surprised if you don't feel that this approaches the limit of what the traffic might bear. I do appreciate your encouragement to take a realistic view on the one hand of the fantastic costs of the program and on the other of the prospects of meeting them. The copies of your own proposals were most helpful in my working up of this material.

As ever,

Joshua Lederberg

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